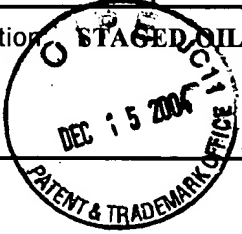

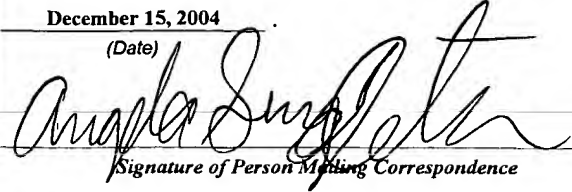


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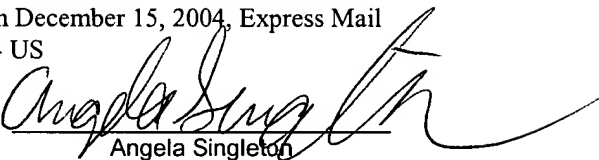
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INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and is responsive to the arguments set forth in the Office Action of June 16, 2004 wherein pending claims 1-10 and 13-17 were rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 06-1130 any fees necessary for entry of this amendment.

Please make the following amendments to the Application as set forth below.

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